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- 25X1 1. Until recently the P.Z.R.L.I. (Poznanskie Zjednoczenie Robot Ladowo-Inzynieryjnych -
25X1 Poznan Union of Civil Engineering Works), responsible for the construction of a new airfield at Nowe Kramsko (Kleistdorf)¹, covered the voivodships of Poznan, Pomorze, and Koszalin (Koeslin).
2. Early in December 1953 a new Z.R.L.I. was created at Bydgoszcz to cover the voivodships of Pomorze and Koszalin. At the same time the Z.R.L.I. in Wroclaw (Breslau) was liquidated and its area was transferred to the P.Z.R.L.I. which now therefore covers the voivodships of Poznan and Wroclaw.
3. When entrusted with the construction of an airfield, the P.Z.R.L.I. is supplied by the military authorities with complete blueprints of the future airfield. Its functions are limited to the supply of building materials, skilled artisans and a certain amount of unskilled labor, most of the labor being supplied by the army.
4. Although the construction plans have been fully approved, changes are constantly introduced even after the work has been started. For example, during the construction of an airfield in the vicinity of Nowe Kramsko (now known as Babimost Airfield), wooden huts for soldiers were dismantled three times for transfer to a different site.
5. Such constant changes by the military supervising authorities delay the work and cause waste of building materials which are very difficult to obtain, even though orders placed by the Z.R.L.I. are given top priority.
6. The P.Z.R.L.I. has been responsible to date for the construction of 13 airfields or landing grounds. At the moment informant knows of only 8 of the 13, viz., Slupsk, Krzesiny (near Poznan, runways built in form of a cross), Kaczala, Wroclaw, Zegrze, Kakolewo, Swidnin near Bialogrod² and in a locality between Szczecin (Stettin) and Koszalin.

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7. In addition to Babimost Airfield, P.Z.R.L.I. is engaged in the construction of airfields at:

- a. Powidz near Gniezno, which will be the largest of the airfields built by P.Z.R.L.I. to date.
- b. In the region of Opole (Oppeln), where the surveyors have gone after completing their work at Babimost Airfield.

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